

Amendment to the Chairman's Mark

Offered by Representatives Lujan Grisham, Yarmuth, Lee, Moulton, Jeffries, Higgins, DelBene, Wasserman Schultz, Boyle, Khanna, Jayapal, Carbajal, Jackson Lee, and Schakowsky

Keep Families Together

1. At the end of Title V, add the following:

“POLICY STATEMENT ON KEEPING FAMILIES TOGETHER

(a) FINDINGS. — The House finds the following:

- (1) The Trump Administration has implemented an insidious practice of family separation as a tool to deter asylum seekers from Central America from seeking refuge in the United States.
- (2) Family separation has been universally condemned by the child welfare community, the immigration rights community, and medical professionals such as the American Pediatrics Association.
- (3) There have been reports of children being physically pulled from the arms of their parents, babies being separated from their mothers, children with disabilities being separated from their parents and most recently, a distraught father separated from his family choosing to take his own life instead of living apart from his children.
- (4) The parent-child relationship is the most important primal emotional bond and it is at the very core of our humanity. The Trump Administration's degradation of this relationship is cruel and inhumane.

(b) POLICY ON KEEPING FAMILIES TOGETHER. — It is the policy of this resolution that no taxpayer dollars should be used to support the Trump Administration's insidious policy of separating children from their families and that Congress should pass legislation, such as the “Keep Families Together Act,” to ensure families are kept together.”

2. Amend the committee report to reflect the following policy assumptions:

President Trump's policy to separate children from their families at the border is cruel and inhumane. It is the policy of this resolution that no taxpayer dollars should be used to support this policy and that Congress should pass legislation, such as the "Keep Families Together Act," to end this practice immediately.